

MINUTES
KICKAPOO RESERVE MANAGEMENT BOARD
KICKAPOO VALLEY RESERVE VISITOR CENTER
May 21, 2020

- I. 7:00 PM Meeting called to order by Chair Ron Johnson.
- Board members in attendance in-person: Ron Johnson, Travis Downing, Paul Hayes, Susan Cushing, Julie Hoel. Staff: Marcy West, Erica Cronk; Public-Dr. Jim Deline, VMH & La Farge Clinic; Lonnie Muller, Episcopo News; Brad Steinmetz, Local citizen. Via Conference Call: Tina Brown, Bill Quackenbush, Dick Wallin. Staff: Jason Leis, Jonel Kiesau.
 - Motion by Hayes/Downing to approve the Agenda. Motion carries.
 - Compliance with open meeting law: West - Yes, it is been posted in compliance with State law.
 - Cushing/Downing motion to approve March 19 and April 27, 2020 Minutes. Motion carries.
 - Introductions and Public Input: Dr. Jim Deline was invited to be part of the discussion related to COVID-19 and KVR moving forward. Dr. Deline spoke to KRMB and audience offering his guidance: Personally, would continue to be cautious for a while. Coronavirus spreading rapidly in this area in the last week or so. Should continue to be conservative about getting out and about. Strong concern for spread among the Amish community. Virus is spread by droplets. Surfaces can carry virus for hours if not days. Close contact is most concerning. Be very cautious about having meetings/events and use in general of indoor spaces. KVR visitors can be mandated to wear mask in Visitor Center and KVR Staff should always wear facemasks when dealing with the public. Regarding campsites: reasonable to allowing camping if people are respecting rules. West: concerned about trash and human waste. Dr. Deline: should be okay if staff are wearing gloves when collecting trash. Hayes: how do you feel about portable toilets? Dr. Deline: use at your own risk and consider having disinfectant available. Should also minimize handling cash and checks as much as possible, using online payment methods instead.
- II. Discussion and possible action regarding public access in consideration of Corona Virus pandemic:
- Discussion regarding opening the Visitor Center to the public. Hoel: does not see reason to open it at this point. Wallin: Center should be open for staff and closed to the public and re-evaluate at future meeting. Brown: whatever staff feels safest doing but agree it should be closed. Cushing agrees with that. Wallin/Brown motion to leave Visitor Center closed to the public and revisit at the June 18th KRMB meeting. Motion carries.
 - Discussion on campsites re-opening. West: currently working with Department of Ag and Consumer Protection (DATCP) regarding licensing/permit issue with campsites. If licensing okay and we move to open sites, 18 of the 26 would be ready. Awaiting results of archeological survey before beginning work on campsite relocations. Campsites being relocated out of floodplain. Johnson: questions reopening sites – not in favor of people travelling here. Wallin: people already travelling here is non-issue as it has already spread in our region. In favor of opening sites June 1st except for Willow Camp (site D). Motion by Wallin/Hayes to open campsites that are permitted except Willow and revisit at the June 18 KRMB meeting. Downing: how does staff feel about cleaning campsites. West: everyone is packing in packing out trash. Leis: mowing is the main maintenance of sites right now. Willow is popular horse spot – we should not close that. Cushing: the site being a group site is the issue not the horses. West: keep Willow open for day use area and parking only. Motion carries.
 - Discussion on trash on property and putting out bins at river access sites. Johnson: should continue pack it in, pack it out for all trash. Hoel/Downing motion to continue pack it in, pack it out. Downing: make sure canoe liveries are aware and telling their customers there are no trash bins at canoe landings. Motion carries.
 - Discussion on portable toilets at the canoe landings. West: does not like the idea of not having toilets available at the same time concerned about having them. Downing: impossible to keep sanitary and

risk people throwing trash in them. Hayes/Downing motion to not put out and revisit at June 18 KRMB meeting. Motion carries.

- Discussion on collecting fees. West: online payment system has been working well. When camping re-opens will need to re-open iron rangers. Hoel/Hayes motion to continue accepting online payments and re-open rangers when camping re-opens. Motion carries.

III. Budget Update:

- West: we are cutting it close but okay through the end of this Fiscal Year – June 30, 2020. Annual Passes and Ag Lease revenue have been a boost, although no school trips and Summer Camp refunds are negatively impacting the 12100 Education Appropriation. Estimated approximately \$30,000 in lost revenue so far.

IV. Other issues:

- View slideshow overhead for Chairman Ron Johnson's last meeting. Johnson has been the only Chairman since the KRMB inception almost 25 years ago. KRMB and Staff thanked Johnson for his service. West presented Johnson with a plaque. Wallin: absolute pleasure serving alongside Johnson. Nelson: thank you for sharing your wisdom with us. Leis: thank you to Johnson and appreciation for all he has done.

V. Next KRMB meeting, June 18, 2020; Annual Field Trip.

Cushing/Downing motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned 8:20 PM.

Recorded by:
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